

# 2005 Food Assistance Research: Recent Findings and Emerging Issues

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**Food Assistance and  
Nutrition Research Program**

**Mission: Economic Research for a Healthy, Well-Nourished America**



**Economic Research Service**  
**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Economic Research Service, Waugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1800 M Street, NW

## Wednesday, February 16 Food Stamps and Food Security

**8:00-8:30 am**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-9:15 am**

**Welcome**

Susan Offutt, Administrator . . . .Economic Research Service,  
USDA

**Keynote Address**

John Karl Scholz . . . . .Institute for Research on Poverty

**9:15-10:30 am**

**Emerging Issues and Research Priorities**

Susan Offutt . . . . .ERS, USDA, moderator

Jessica Shahin . . . . .Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

Ellen Vollinger . . . . .Food Research and Action Center

Jody Cornwell . . . . .American Association of  
Food Stamp Directors

Jenifer Zeigler . . . . .Cato Institute

**10:30-10:45 am**

**Break**

**10:45-12:00 pm**

**Diet and Health Outcomes of the Food Stamp  
Program: What Do We Know and Where Do We  
Go From Here**

David Smallwood . . . . .ERS, USDA, moderator

Chris Hamilton . . . . .Abt Associates Inc. (retired), presenter

James Ohls . . . . .Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.  
discussant

**12:00-1:00 pm**

**Lunch at ERS**

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Food Stamp Program Research Findings**

Margaret Andrews . . . . .ERS, USDA, moderator

*Opportunities for Food Assistance Research  
on Indian Reservations*

Kenneth Finegold . . . . .Urban Institute

*Findings from the Food Stamp Program Elderly Nutrition Pilots*  
Scott Cody . . . . .Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

*Food Stamp Program Access Study: Summary and Findings*  
Susan Bartlett . . . . .Abt Associates Inc.

*Food Stamp Program Spell Lengths, Entry and Exit Rates*  
Philip Gleason . . . . .Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

*The Role of Food Stamp Recertification and TANF Time  
Limits in Caseload Dynamics*  
David Ribar . . . . .George Washington University

**3:00-3:15 pm**

**Break**

**3:15-4:45 pm**

**Food Security Research Findings**

Mark Prell . . . . .ERS, USDA, moderator

*Longitudinal Analysis of Food Security Using the  
Current Population Survey*

Parke Wilde . . . . .Tufts University

*Adapting the Food Security Instrument to Children*

Carol Connell . . . . .University of Southern Mississippi

*NAS Review of USDA Food Security Measurement: Phase I*  
Edward Frongillo, Jr. . . . .Cornell University

**4:45 pm**

**Adjournment and Reception (Everyone is welcome.)**

# Program Agenda



## Thursday, February 17 WIC and Child Nutrition

**8:00-8:30 am**

### Registration and Continental Breakfast

**8:30-9:15 am**

### Welcome

Betsey Kuhn ..... Food and Rural Economy  
Division Director, ERS, USDA

### Keynote Address

Cutberto Garza ..... Cornell University

**9:15-10:30 am**

### Emerging Issues and Research Priorities

Betsey Kuhn ..... ERS, USDA

Ronald Vogel ..... Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

Kate Houston ..... House Education Committee

Douglas Greenaway ..... National WIC Association

Jeane Ann Grisso ..... Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**10:30-10:45 am**

### Break

**10:45-12:00 pm**

### Diet and Health Outcomes of WIC and Child Nutrition Programs: What Do We Know and Where Do We Go From Here

Biing-Hwan Lin ..... ERS, USDA, moderator

Mary Kay Fox ..... Nutrition Consultant, presenter

Barbara Devaney ..... Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.  
discussant

**12:00-1:00 pm**

### Lunch at ERS

**1:00-2:30 pm**

### WIC Research Findings

Elise Golan ..... ERS, USDA, moderator

*Evaluating Changes in WIC Participant Food Purchasing  
as a Result of WIC Nutrition Education*

Loren Bell ..... Health Systems Research

*Children's Consumption of WIC-Approved Foods*

Victor Oliveira ..... ERS, USDA

*Innovative WIC Practices*

Anne Gordon ..... Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

*Obesity Prevention in Low-Income Preschoolers*

Robert Whitaker ..... Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

**2:30-2:45 pm**

### Break

**2:45-4:15pm**

### Child Nutrition Research Findings

Joanne Guthrie ..... ERS, USDA, moderator

*Evaluation of Policy Changes on Middle School Students'  
Lunch Consumption*

Karen Cullen ..... Baylor College of Medicine

*Body Mass Index in Elementary School Children and  
Metropolitan Area Food Prices*

Roland Sturm ..... Rand Corporation

*Nutrition Outcomes for Toddlers and Preschoolers in Child  
and Adult Care Food Programs*

Linda Ghelfi ..... ERS, USDA

**4:15 pm**

### Adjournment

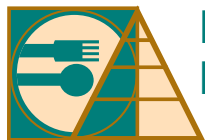
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## Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

### Program Overview

The Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) at USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) addresses the research needs of the Nation's food assistance and nutrition programs. FANRP research examines the benefits of improved diets and food choices, the factors that influence diet and nutrition, and the outcomes of policies and programs aimed at improving the nutrition, well-being, and food security of Americans. These programs include the Food Stamp Program, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Child Nutrition Programs.

FANRP funds a portfolio of extramural research topics designed to meet the critical information needs of program managers, policy officials, the research community, and the public at large. FANRP also conducts intramural research at ERS. Through partnerships with other agencies and organizations, FANRP enhances national survey maintenance and development and conducts legislatively mandated studies. FANRP also contributes to basic science that relates to program implementation and evaluations. Research results are widely disseminated in accordance with program principles.

"Economic Research for a Healthy, Well-Nourished America" is our research mission. Our goal is a high-quality, multidisciplinary program that focuses on today's problems and addresses tomorrow's issues.

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